

HECATE'S WHEEL



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...or what they call the Zodiac.



THROUGH THE SUMMONS OF THE VELVET NIGHT
BLACK NIGHT NYX FALLS LIKE A VEIL OF STARS
HER HOUNDS HOLD THE HOUR
AS THE MOON RISES ABOVE THE HILLS
BRIMMING WITH LIFE.

ARIES

Aries, 21 March – 21 April

Primus inter pares. Aries is the first sign of the Zodiac: Wheel of Life Indestructible.

All trees bud and flowers bloom on March 21 when the Sun enters Aries. Mother Earth is awakened from her long slumber and she rises in all her glory, adorned with a thousand flowers. This is our moment of awakening.

Those of us born under the shining horn of the Celestial Ram are here to blow the horn and fill the skies with their wake up call. Individuals who are born between 21 March and 21 April are natural-born athletes and warriors. They are here to cry out their individuality and uniqueness to the world. Aries is the first phase of life, early childhood: every child is a princess of her individual world.

Aries is the phase of life when the child recognizes that she is a separate entity. She is the center of attention, love and all praise. She is the newborn force of nature, ready to replace the old and decaying ones. Therefore, she must fight out of the world surrounding her and express her uniqueness.

If you have an Aries friend, he will always initiate you to the next chapter of your life. They love bringing in new ideas and spreading them like seeds so that they can take root, sprout, and flourish into the future. Thus, the people born under the sign of the Celestial Ram are

thinkers. They start the revolutions, they sound the horn, and most importantly, they shoot the first arrow.

Aries individuals are action-oriented. They act without hesitation or a second thought. Patience can be a challenge for them. When they feel stuck, they will destroy the walls around them like a fresh sprout making its way from the darkness of the Earth to the light and heat of the Sun. Children of the Eternal Flame will always start the race, run the marathon, and light the torches at the peaks of Olympus, the Mountain of the Gods.

TAURUS

Taurus, 21 April – 21 May

Sun travels through the sign of Taurus between 21 April and 21 May.

There are two concepts to summarize Taurus: Wealth and Beauty. Sons and daughters of the Celestial Bull do not run after wealth and beauty, for they are the ones who carry these qualities in their very being.

Nature is the source of all Wealth and the creator of Beauty. Yet we deviate from Nature and find ourselves struggling in a world of lack and dismay.

Taurus born individuals gather the abundance that sprouts from the fertile Earth. They have a natural inclination towards material things. In some extreme cases, their worldview can be overly materialistic. Sometimes they can even struggle to understand those who do not value material needs as much as they do.

Taurus identifies herself with what she has and what she values. Acquiring what she finds valuable may become a quest for life. Great patience and unwavering endurance will accompany them in their quest to create and gather wealth. They usually tend to opt for jobs and occupations promising financial security and stability. For Taurus, getting very wealthy is secondary. First and foremost they will establish material and financial security before taking any steps further in life.

Making movements, taking action, and stepping out of the comfort zone can be quite displeasing for the slow and steady Taurus. We must understand that they love their routines, tasty habits, and warm and soft environments. It may be quite a challenge to get the Bull out of his comfort zone.

If we go deeper into the symbolism of Taurus, we find that bulls and especially bullheads, were symbols for humanity since very early times, as early as the Neolithic period. Marija Gimbutas says that the bullhead symbolizes the womb and birth. Perhaps birthing into the Earthly realm, being incarnated, and inhabiting a human body was symbolized by the bull. How fitting this is with the astrological symbolism of Taurus.

Taurus holds the principle of earthliness, solidness, and waking up to Earth's beauty and generous abundance. Every year in Spring, we are given a chance to grow our roots deeper into Earth, ground the fiery energy of the Sun and fill our life with a thousand flowers.

GEMINI

Gemini, 21 May – 21 June

Gemini, the Celestial Twins Castor and Pollux are the brothers of Helen of Troy. They are known as the protectors of sailors. The symbolism of Gemini is composed of two individuals, head to head, talking to each other; they are in endless communication. Gemini is the first social sign. The child is born in Aries, wears his clothes, acquires his toys in Taurus, and begins exploring his environment in Gemini. Therefore Gemini is the sign of curiosity, communication, exploration and obtaining basic information. Curiosity drives the Mercury ruled Gemini individual. Language, words, and thoughts are their tools of the craft. Speaking, writing and all forms of transferring information and ideas belong to the realm of the Twins. This is the place where we begin to think. The duality of Gemini is the duality of animals and thinking humans: Our physical nature and civilized self. The ancients knew this as physis and nomos. Only the wise can marry the animal and the thinker in themselves and reach a new level of human experience. Coming to the world with the nature fit for making the opposites connect, those born under the Celestial Twins are great communicators. They bring people together, and they connect the dots. They write, publish and share information. They are masters of practical thinking, which gives results here and now. They may now look too far into the future, but they know what to do and what to say in this very instance. On the other hand, their ever-growing curiosity will drive them towards you, and you will also find it very easy to

connect with your Geminine friends. They have the gift of socializing with everyone and serving as a hub to make others meet. Those born under the light of the Celestial Twins are driven by curiosity. That is why they may not always find time to dwell on a single subject. There are myriads of information to cover, explore and taste. They look around with child-like eyes of wonder as the World beckons to them with a thousand flowers. They are to be attracted and this is what makes them attractive in return. Stars, leaves, flowers and raindrops talk to them and they reply. The soul of the Geminine human is in an unending dialogue with the Universe, always asking like a child, ever eager to learn. I have seen many natal charts of dancers, a lot of them with Gemini rising. Authors, novelists, and great speakers are often of the Celestial Twins. They are natural-born wordsmiths who never tire of talking, writing, and speaking.

CANCER

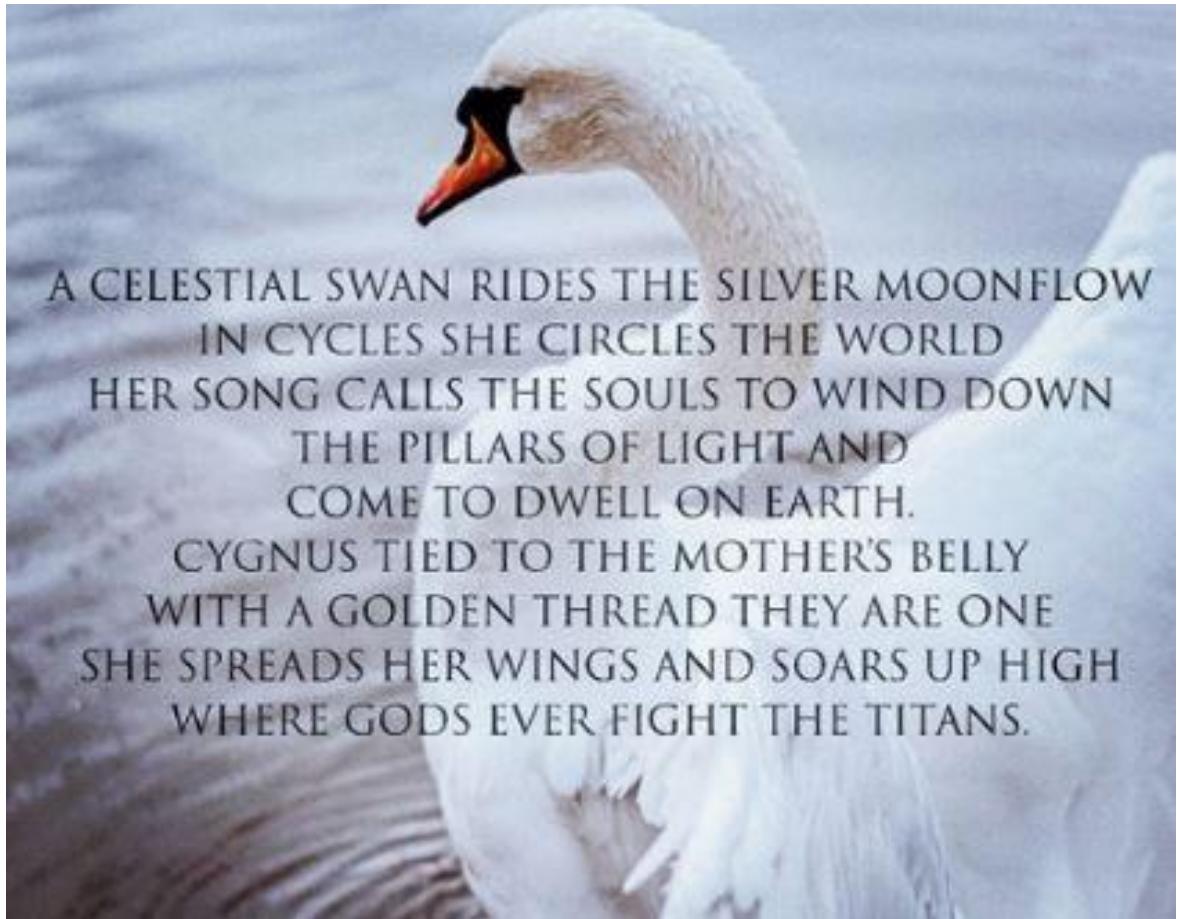
21 June – 21 July

Cancer, 21 June – 21 July

Cancer is the first of the Water Signs. Water creates cohesion. Family, belonging, tribe, protection and nourishment and unconditional love are found in the realm of the Celestial Crab. The most substantial quality of Cancer is its ability to bring life where there is no life. Remember that in Egyptian myths, Goddess Isis wanders to the world to find pieces of her beloved Osiris and brings them together to rebirth him. In Ancient Egypt the Golden Scarab was the symbol for the sign of Cancer. Scarab, or with a more modern name, dung beetle, is a marvelous being. Thousands and thousands of dung beetles make dungballs and carry them to the dry and lifeless desert to leave their eggs inside and hide them under the sand. Obviously this is not the ethereal magic story you came here to read about your Zodiac sign. Yet there is a magical quality in it: Scarabs bring life: they make the dry desert green with the grass that grows from their holes in the sand. This is the very magic of Cancer: Life Giving. Birthing, nourishment and protection are the keywords for Cancer. Cancer is the home and hearth. Where we feel protected, supported, loved and welcome. Cancerian people are natural givers because they know that the Universe has limitless resources. Mothering is the act of the Cancerian personality. Mothering is not only biological mothering, but it can be any act where we prioritize those we take care of before us. Mothering makes people and things grow and flourish. It is like watering a plant so that it grows: bringing life to dry lands, like the Nile. Mother's Milk is another great

symbolism for the sign of Cancer. While Hera and Athena wander, they come across the baby Herakles. Hera suckles him, but Herakles bites her nipple. So suddenly Hera pushes him away, and milk pours out of her divine breast. Thus is created our Galaxy, Milky Way: γάλα means “milk” in Greek. Those born under the sign of the Ever-Birth are life-bringers. They nourish and support whom they belong with. Their homes are their sanctuaries where they love gathering all their family and serving warm and hearty meals. Protection. Imagine the little crab walking inside her shell and feeling your every move. Even before you begin to reach for it, the wise crab will start to move away from your movement. Their soft and sensitive core is hidden and well-protected inside the shell. They know their vulnerabilities and want to protect and preserve themselves. That is why sometimes Cancerians seem to be heartless or overly rational individuals. Those born under the Celestial Crab may identify themselves with whom they belong. Family, tribe and homeland are significant for them. They will fight for those they love and care about. They walk the extra mile for whom they belong. They are the ones who are there when you need them. They will share your sorrows and all emotions; they will cry with you. They are excellent at caring and wrapping their loved ones in love and compassion.

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A CELESTIAL SWAN RIDES THE SILVER MOONFLOW
IN CYCLES SHE CIRCLES THE WORLD
HER SONG CALLS THE SOULS TO WIND DOWN
THE PILLARS OF LIGHT AND
COME TO DWELL ON EARTH.
CYGNUS TIED TO THE MOTHER'S BELLY
WITH A GOLDEN THREAD THEY ARE ONE
SHE SPREADS HER WINGS AND SOARS UP HIGH
WHERE GODS EVER FIGHT THE TITANS.

LEO

21 July – 21 August

Leo, 21 July – 21 August

Those of us born in the heat of summer, under the shining fur of the Celestial Feline, are natural born kings and queens. We lead by the heart.

What makes the Leonine individuals so attractive, loveable and relatable is the warm aura of love and wisdom they carry as their very own crown. It suits them well.

Leo is the fixed Fire sign. Infinite inspiration, endless creativity and eternal joy are bestowed upon Leo. We are all attracted to the radiance of Leonine kings and queens because we instinctively know that their light will lead us to greater love, wisdom and a higher purpose.

Leo has a lot of love to share with her chosen elite. Not everyone may be eligible to enter the palace of the Queen of the Hearts but she will choose those around you quite wisely, or at least she should. Those who approach her with lame words of empty praise should be crossed from their invitation list.

What Leo seeks and identifies himself with is love. Love makes us vulnerable and we can only be courageous only when we are vulnerable. This is the test of Leo. Will the Queen face her vulnerabilities with courage despite her roaring fears, vanity, pride and prejudice ? Will the

fiery energy of Leo ground itself in the toiling fields of Virgo and fertilize the Earth ?

During my corporate days, working at a global company, I had a wonderful colleague, he was a genuine Leo. When he entered the office in the mornings – slightly late for Leo for the lion loves his sleep – we would all turn our heads momentarily and look at him! It was the solar energy which radiates from his person. Sometimes a friend would tease him with a joke and the office would bathe in laughter, bringing fun. Leo loves fun and emanates strong positive energy all around him. This man had the biggest, most compassionate and generous heart I have ever known. I have witnessed him helping perfect strangers without any expectation. Leo is the one you can rely on.

For Leo, this world is a stage and her life is a performance. She will thrive under stage lights and while everyone is looking at her. Many actresses and people “on the stage” have significant Leo energy in their natal charts.

Fun loving, creative, playful and entertaining attitude of Leo can turn into an inclusive leader at the time of need. When leading the group is necessary you will see your fun Leo friend turn into a natural leader. A Leo will give you hearty portions of whatever you need and even you do not need. They will take care of you and you will feel safe, secure and accepted around them.

There is only one secret to the Lion's Heart: Gratitude. Throughout the ages, our ancestors praised and revered the Sun, the ruler of Leo. Sun is our sole source of energy: heat and light. In many cultures offerings are made to the Sun to express recognition and gratitude for his generous Greatness.

The nature of Leo is not widely different. As the source of light and love in the community, Leo born people are givers and leadership is their service. In return for all their sincere efforts to make us feel loved, accepted and cared for, they expect a “thank you”. Honoring your Leo friends is the best thing you can do for them. Say thanks, express your love and gratitude openly. Show them how their efforts and caring has improved your life and remind them of the times they were the only ones there to drop you home, to bring you a meal and helped you. Do not forget to express your gratitude before the Sun sets.

VIRGO

21 August – 21 September

Virgo, 21 August – 21 September

Virgo, the sixth sign of the Wheel of Zodiac, Wheel of Indestructible Life, is the mutual Earth sign. Virgo knows how to analyze, discern, distribute and fracture and then re-unite with greater harmony and beauty. When I come across wonderful flower arrangements or incredible craft, I tend to think that it must have been created by a Virgo.

Virgo is a mental sign. Thinking and sometimes overthinking can take a lot of their time, yet the true desire of the Virgo soul is to produce.

In many mythologies we come across the Virgin goddess who gives birth. This is the work of Virgo, acquiring divine inspiration from Leo, the Sun, working meticulously on it, sometimes getting too deep, spending all their night on a single detail – which is necessary – and grounding, creating the divine perfection in our Earthly realm. This is no easy work but it is only the Virgo born individuals who can excel and reach the peaks of perfection in their work.

Virgo knows how to seek and note the differences in quality. Rarely do they mix apples with pears. Their excellence in organizing and categorizing matter takes them to professions where they can work with biology, healing, medicine, and all forms of crafts. Sometimes they may be stuck in their mind but they must always remember that Virgo is an Earth sign and working with matter, producing, working in their

own workshop, providing productions and services to others will be exceedingly satisfactory for them. Yet first they may want to sail through the sirens of Overthinking, Overanalyzing, Perfectionism and Self-Criticism.

Remember how Odysseus sails through the Sea of Sirens ? Goddess Circe advises him to have himself tied to the mast and cover his men's ears with beeswax. Yet Odysseus' own eyes and ears would remain open so that he could witness and observe. Why do we even go through the Sea of Sirens, Hades, Cyclopes or any other experience if we are not to observe and become conscious of it ?

Mast of his ship is Odysseus's purpose. He gets himself tied to his purpose, one specific goal, so that he does not get distracted. Yet he keeps observing his own distractions so that he can sail through them.

Virgo heals herself and others. She has an urge to fix and make everything function more smoothly and effectively.

Virgo is the sign with great creative potential because she works with matter. You can have a lot of inspiration but what is it unless you create a solid work out of it ? Unless you plan, structure and work on your visions, they will only be nice ideas lingering in your mind. If you do not produce and release your current visions, you may not move on to your next project quite soon. Virgo bears the sacred function of grounding divine inspiration, in other words: making dreams a reality.



THROUGH THE SUMMONS OF THE NIGHT
SHE WHO BEARS THE LIGHT
CALLS TO THE SOULS LOST IN MORTALITY
BEYOND THE GATES OF URANIA AND
CTHONIA
SHE WHO BEARS MANY NAMES
INVOKES THE MEMORY OF THE AEONS
AND RINGS THE BELLS OF BRONZE.

LIBRA

Libra, 23 September – 22 October

“The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed.”

Libra is the cardinal Air sign. Air signs are mental, communicative and always focused on humanity.

Libra, the Scales is the Seventh sign of the Zodiac. Sun enters Libra on 23 September, Autumn Equinox when the Day and Night are equal and Time is in perfect Balance. Thus Equality, Balance and Justice are priorities for Libra.

Those of us born under the Celestial Scales sometimes find ourselves walking on eggshells for all that we strive for is keeping the balance in our relationships. We know the secret that the Universe is a relationship: between planets and the Sun, between Day and Night, between all the stars and galaxies of our infinite, ever-growing and ever-flowing Universe.

When two individual beings come together their union always hangs on a balance. There is always a set of unwritten rules, sometimes contracts or reciprocal agreements in all relationships.

Venus, the Goddess of Love, is the ruler of Libra for she brings us together. There is always a magic element in meetings, almost a secret power. As quoted above, meeting of two people is a lot like meeting of

two different essences, almost alchemical. A relationship is always a third entity.

In “the other” we can only find lost and forgotten parts of ourselves which will lead us to wholeness and a greater truth. Therefore more than often relationships act as a vehicle or catalyzer for our individuation process. Libra rules the process of coming together and more importantly maintaining the relationships and contracts. This is always a very delicate process but Librans are masters of this art. Indeed they are naturally capable of any art or craft that requires style, beauty, delicacy and aesthetics.

Librans keep harmony and balance in their life and relationships. That is how they survive the ups and downs of life. Once their balance is shaken off, it may take time and effort to re-establish it. They can see and consider both ends in a situation. They can change their perspective and see it from both sides. Scales are always looking for the perfect balance, therefore they measure very keenly, with a deep intention to bring justice and respect everyone’s rights.

Their refined manner makes them excellent at human conduct. Famous diplomats and spokespeople have strong Libra placements.

Libra knows how to balance out her relationships, just like a wise Venus Flytrap. The Lady Venus Flytrap attracts her victims to her traps and her precious pollinators to her flowers which she raises high up and away, away from the nasty traps. So that she will enjoy her meals while getting assistance in immortality by bees and butterflies.

Libra loves making comparisons and thinking in relative terms. They are always looking for the optimal solution. Yet comparison, when applied on one's self or others, can be quite a non-regenerative habit.

Bearers of the Scales do not want to upset others or never do they wish to start a conflict. Therefore sometimes they consciously – or unconsciously – choose to stay silent when they need to be speaking. They may find themselves silently accepting situations or signing treaties of peace which may not be sustainable in the long run. Developing an awareness around being more self-centered can help the Venian souls to navigate easier.

Design, decoration, beauty, architecture, fashion, photography, fine arts... Any profession where an inner sense of aesthetics is for the Libra born individuals. Bringing people together, uniting these who need to meet and making peace between broken hearts are natural duties of Libra. In some cases, many Librans are natural matchmakers!

SCORPIO

Scorpio, 23 October – 22 November

Scorpio is the Eighth Sign of the Zodiac, Wheel of Indestructible Life. When we arrive at the depths of Scorpio, we pass through the Gates of the Underworld.

Union of the opposites in Libra brings us to the alchemical pot of transformation. In this place all emotions are deep and intense. Silence accompanies the footsteps of those who descend.

Transformation is the keyword to Scorpio, it is the eternal cycle of Life, Death and Rebirth. Scorpio is where form dissolves and matter is freed so that it can be utilized to create new forms when Spring comes. Compost to fruit is a very practical example for transformation yet, the most beautiful example for transformation is “caterpillar into butterfly”.

Thus those of us born under the Celestial Scorpion look at the world deeply. When we begin to study a subject we turn our penetrating gaze to it and use all the means to investigate it down to every detail. Therefore professions that need delicate research and a keen, skeptical mind are fit for the Scorpio born individuals.

Scorpio is a very emotional sign. Attachment can lead to obsession and sometimes Scorpio individuals may find it hard to let go of what needs to go. Yet when they are convinced that something or someone does not belong with them anymore, they can shut the door without a second thought and never look back. A Scorpio friend will stand by your side no matter what since they are not afraid of ups and downs of life. Should they decide to go, they may just vanish.

Scorpions survive in the hot and dry desert. Why would a water sign choose to live in the desert ?

Scorpions find water with their intuition. Their bodies are covered with sensors and they can feel water from afar. In the same token, Scorpio men and women can feel other people's emotions. This may lead them to be empaths or they may want to avoid crowded places especially if their chart is Water Element dominant. Intuition is their super power.

Scorpio is the mystical, secretive and deep sign. Dreamwork, alchemy, symbolism and occult attract them. They find meaning in the secret things and they do keep secrets well.

Scorpio is a fixed sign. What is fixed is the reality of change in the realm of Scorpio. Scorpio's life is a whirlpool of constant change and transformation. Yet they love things that remain, stand still and do not change. The small town which never changes, which is still the same town since when you were small is the paradise for a Scorpio. Scorpio, remaining in the middle of the whirlpool of transformation and deep stormy emotions, strives for emotional security. This dark and deep soul's quest for love may involve heartbreaks, betrayal, even dramatic scenes. Yet at the end of her painstaking transformation, Scorpio comes to understand that she achieves what she has been looking for only in her inner life, inner sources and her relationship with the Universe. This is how we leave Matter and take our first step in transcendence. Now it is time to seek the Divine, for that we need the strong and agile feet of a horse and the intelligible, questioning mind of man: Sagittarius.

SAGITTARIUS

22 November - 21 December

When we come to the Ninth Sign of the Zodiac, the Indestructible Wheel of Life, we are already charged with the intensity of Scorpio. Our emotions are about to explode... We are in Sagittarius when the compressed and pressured emotions explode as fireworks in the infinite Heavens.

Sagittarius is the seeker. The dual nature of the Centaur means that Sagittarius has half of his existence in the Earthly realm, running after earthly pleasures and errands, and half in the Heavens: gaining wisdom, experiencing spirituality, questioning life, talking philosophy, and discovering the world.

Experience is what matters for Sagittarius. Divine inspiration guides the centaur. He may find himself in the most unlikely places at the most inappropriate time. Laughing in high decibels, dreaming without limits and carrying the badge of the big spender are common traits of us all with a Sagittarian nature.

Sagittarius stands between the mundane and the spiritual. Therefore, Sagittarius usually finds herself in careers of teaching or religious/spiritual service. Her ever-growing interest in traveling and world cultures makes her an expert in foreign cultures. Sagittarius falls in love with cultures, different ways of life, and different languages. Learning and teaching languages as well as spiritual practices can be fit for a Sagittarius individual.

Sagittarius knows how to enjoy life. His jovial nature follows wherever he goes. Sometimes, those of us born of Sagittarian nature can be too optimistic and forgetful of the necessities of life. Meeting deadlines or working for a goal can be quite the challenge for the Sagittarius individual, for his sole purpose is to inspire, experience, show others the way, light the path, and enjoy it all.

The secret power of your Sagittarian friend is her faith. Sagittarius can always see the big picture and see where things are going... Carrying the spark of hope and kindling her arrow with it, Sagittarius knows how to trust the Universe and keep the faith, even in the most trying of times.



ON YOUR MOUNTAINS EMERALD GREEN
AND OCEANS DARK AND DEEP
I HEAR YOUR SONG THROUGH THE MIST

CAPRICORN

Capricorn, 22 December – 20 January

Capricorn is the cardinal Earth Sign. It is the tenth sign of the Zodiac, the Indestructible Wheel of Life.

Why is it not easy to follow a certain spiritual path ? Because it requires discipline. Capricorn is the master of discipline, time management and the cold and solid reality of the World.

Capricorn, the Sea-Goat can wander and gather resources from the depths of the Ocean and carry them up to the peaks of the Mountain. We need vigor and endurance to climb the Mountain of the Gods, and most importantly strong knees: Capricorn rules knees and joints.

When we arrive at the roots of the Mountain, we are on a quest to ascend. This requires using all of our sources wisely. We cannot spill around our water or food. The mountain path is harsh and unforgiving. We need to plan ahead, be meticulous, strategize and sometimes control the outcomes. The rocky slopes will not let us pass without testing our will and determination. Yet if Capricorn is with us, we can climb our mountain, reach the peaks and our life experience will become an offering the World.

What is the sum of all our efforts, endeavour and work ? It is our career, our reputation in the World. Consciously or unconsciously we keep building our career. People know us with what we give to society, with what we do for others. For Capricorn, what she gives to the society

matters the most. Her reputation and title occupy a significant portion for her overall satisfaction in life.

Responsibilities may play a significant role for the Capricornian individual. She may tend to define herself with her responsibilities, drives, ambitions and successes in life. Her professional attitude certainly gives a sense of trust to others. She is self-reliant and you can also rely on her. Capricorn always knows what she is doing.

Sometimes the urge to control life may try and tire them. Keeping everything under control, making sure that all ends are met and all tasks are done perfectly may sometimes be too much for anyone especially when the going gets tough. During those times the Sea-Goat may need to remember her opposite sign: Cancer. Cancer loves to stay at home and rest, nurture and protect. Sometimes it is good to remember to rest, to stay under the blanket and nurture yourself with a warm soup.

When driven with ambition, the Capricornian individual can literally dig passes under mountains, take on big projects and create wonders on earth. Capricornian vigour, endurance and capacity for hard work is legend. On the other hand, when Capricorn is led by wisdom, she can manage others and allocate the resources offered by Earth in the most efficient and effective way. Thus can we reach abundance for everyone. Good management is golden when it allies with Justice of Libra. Only Capricorn knows how to make the best of what we have and lead us to a better grounded and organized way of life.

AQUARIUS

Aquarius, 20 January – 19 February

Aquarius, the Eleventh Sign of the Zodiac, Wheel of Life Indestructible, is the fixed Air sign. Aquarius is associated with logic, enlightenment, Eureka!, and futurism.

There was a time when humans dwelled in darkness. They could see only when the Gods wanted, only when the Sun shone, or the Moon was full. Their vision and ability were, therefore, limited, and great was their ignorance. Then Prometheus, the Fore-Seer, saw them.

Prometheus always watched for equality, more life, a better future, and opportunities for everyone. In his rebellious act, for he was a Titan and the rules of the Gods were not for him, he lit a torch from the sacred Hearth of Olympus and descended down to Earth. On the dark and cold night, when we were only afraid and waiting for the Sun, Prometheus brought us the Fire from which we invented Science, arts, and our future. With the Fire stolen from the Gods, we now had the consciousness to create our own world and choose our Future. Rather, we invent our Future, and this is where Aquarius holds the key.

All our Aquarian friends are little Prometheans in their very own right. They show us what we cannot see without them. They look at us from the future; they open our eyes to what we do not want to see; they are the bearers of foresight. Their logic and analytical thinking make us advance in life.

Aquarius can think what others cannot. His mind is always seeking a new way, a new invention, and a new solution.

Technology belongs to the realm of Aquarius. The Ancient Greek word *techne*, τέχνη, means craft. Knowledge and *techne* make us human. As humans, we have the potential to accomplish great things, but first, we must have a vision. Without foresight and the necessary knowledge and application, we cannot create our world. Aquarius knows what lies before us, therefore plans and structures the future accordingly.

Taurus is stable; she only wants to preserve what she has. Leo is egoistical; for him, only he and his matter. Scorpio is fixated on the past. Aquarius sees the future. Remember the symbol of the Waterbearer, a man pouring water from an amphora? What Aquarius carries and pours on us is the waters of the cosmos, the Ever-Flow. He takes a handful of the Eternal Truth and offers it to us, just like Prometheus stealing a fire from the Gods and bringing it to humans. Aquarius stands high above the earthly realm (remember, Aquarius is an Air sign) and channels the divine, cosmic information down to us.

Thus, the ideas circling around the Aquarian individual's mind may not always be easily understood by others. For he sees the future and lives in the future, small thinkers may have a problem understanding him. Yet this does not tire the Aquarian. For him, what matters is not his person or personal desires. What matters is the group, the people, his friends and the people around him. Sometimes we find that Aquarians forget themselves and forget making themselves a priority in the face of their group's needs and desires.

In the shadow of the most enlightened sign lies Leo, the source of light. Leo is the individual, while Aquarius wants to blend his ego into the

group consciousness. Leo knows that he is the source of all love and light as Aquarius sometimes waits to be loved and appreciated by the group. Aquarius loves wandering the icy peaks while Leo sunbathes in the warm and dry savannah. These two qualities, the dance of Ice and Fire, make up the Leo – Aquarius axis: the eternal balance between now and future, ego and the group, creativity, and logic.

We owe all our advancements, all our revolutions, and all our scientific and technological abilities to Aquarius. Without Prometheus' sacrifice, we would still be lingering in the dark, waiting for the Sun.

PISCES

Pisces, 21 January – 21 February

Pisces is the Twelfth Sign of the Zodiac, the Indestructible Wheel of Life. Here is when we leave behind all that locks us into the heaviness of Matter and lose our individuality in the infinity of Okeanos.

A mist covers the world, and the hypnotic sound of Lyra accompanies us as we enter the realm of the Fish. Symbol of Pisces is composed of two fish that are forever bound to each other, pulling each other to opposite directions thus keep circulating around the star that binds them.

Pisces is the window that opens to Infinity. The ego dissolves, sacrifices itself, and reaches Immortality. Yet, it can be a painful process to leave the limited and well-defined ego and reach the Self. Thus, we find Piscean souls suffering from time to time. They may choose escapism, their strong imagination will always beckon them to a dreamworld but only facing the reality and transcending it is the path of Salvation.

Thus those of us born under the ever-cycling Fish are prone to escapism. Our shelves are full of fantasy fiction, we have a special Tolkien shelf, our investments in RPG is legend. We do whatever is necessary to escape the heaviness of daily life, and sometimes, our responsibilities are carried away by the current. Thus, Pisceans are prone to find themselves being late to work, having their careers delayed, or struggling through other people's "stuff" for reasons they cannot even identify.

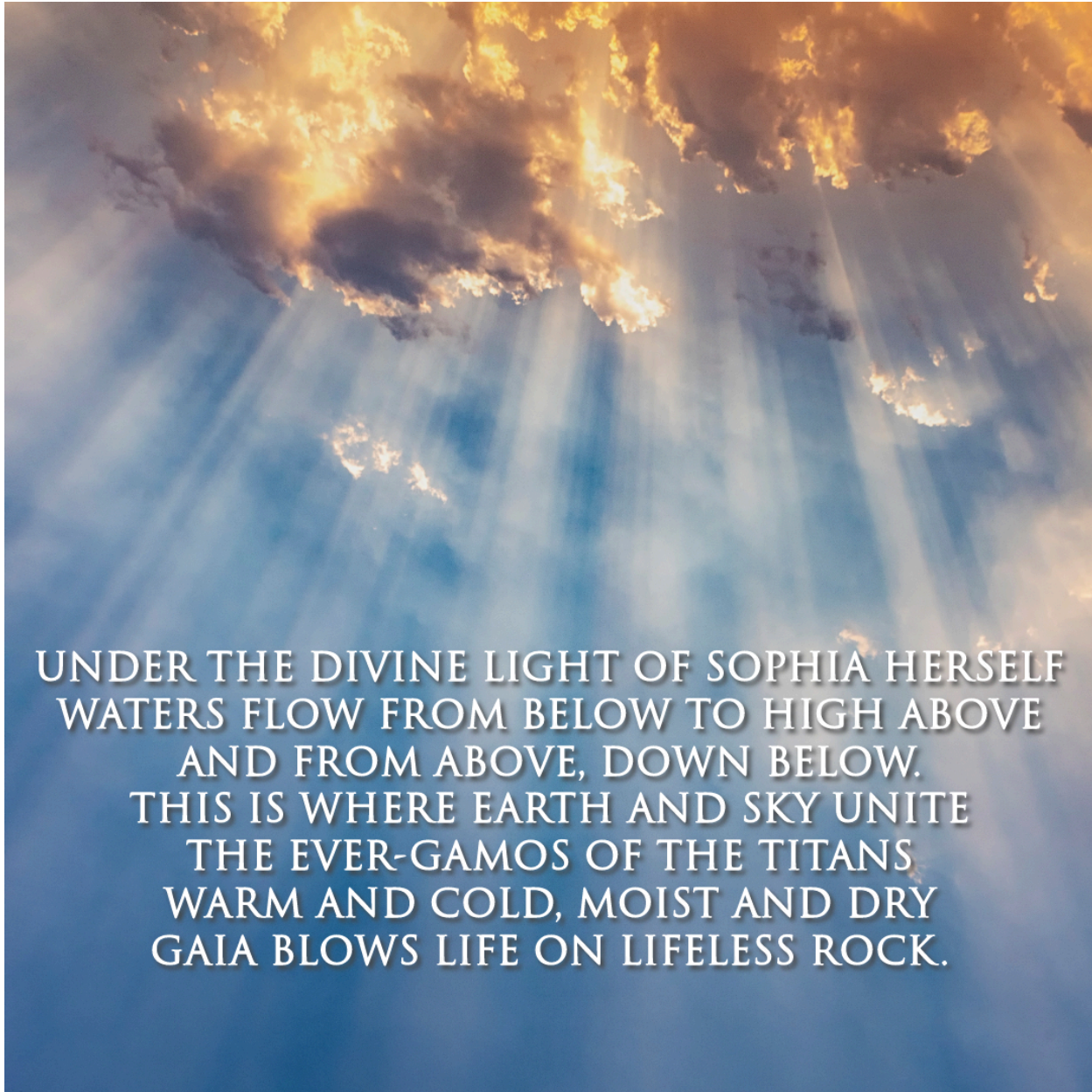
Pisces is the formless, limitless energy that pours from the Universe. Pisceans or people with strong Pisces or Twelfth House placements in their charts feel closer to the higher flow. This makes them mediums, seers, and visionaries. Yet on the flipside, the urge to escape the reality of the world may bring about addictions such as gaming or social media addiction.

Music, art, and nature have a deeper pull on the Piscean soul. Musicians, poets, painters, and masters of all art forms usually carry strong Pisceans elements in their natal charts. Imagination is their strongest asset. “Everything is fantasy,” said Jung. To be able to create, first, we must imagine. Everything created by humans was once imagined. Yet the gist lies in grounding our imaginations, dreams, and visions. For that, we need plans, timetables, and some management. Those born of the Earth element, Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn, may assist to ground, work on, and accomplish Piscean wonders.

Some Pisceans have excellent corporate careers, for Pisces’ fluid ego can blend well with the larger body, the corporation. Thus leaving behind their priorities and personal needs, Pisceans can become very effective servants, easily gliding through the rules and finding creative ways to accomplish their tasks.

Pisceans are the masters of illusion. When combined with art and imagination, they can create wonders. Sometimes, it can be elusive to communicate with them, for even they may be so disconnected from the reality that others may find it hard to define or understand them. Yet this “in-between” and unidentifiable quality brings about an immense potential for creativity and divine love.

When all is carried away by the Ocean, when all our pride, prejudice, belongings, relationships, power, dreams and hopes are gone, there is only one reality that still stays: Love. It is only love that makes the Universe move; it is love that births new stars and fills us with wonder in the night. Love is the breath of Eternity.



UNDER THE DIVINE LIGHT OF SOPHIA HERSELF
WATERS FLOW FROM BELOW TO HIGH ABOVE
AND FROM ABOVE, DOWN BELOW.
THIS IS WHERE EARTH AND SKY UNITE
THE EVER-GAMOS OF THE TITANS
WARM AND COLD, MOIST AND DRY
GAIA BLOWS LIFE ON LIFELESS ROCK.